GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3554
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MISUSE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES ACT
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local court in Delhi and any other court has warned of strict action against misusing Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any legal provision to prevent the misuse of above said Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) No such direction has been given by a Court in Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)& (d) The objective of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is to prevent the Commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. The cases registered under the Act and put to trail in the Courts are subject to judicial process ending in either conviction or acquittal.